

Congress of the United States

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America Needs American Energy

Dear Colleague:

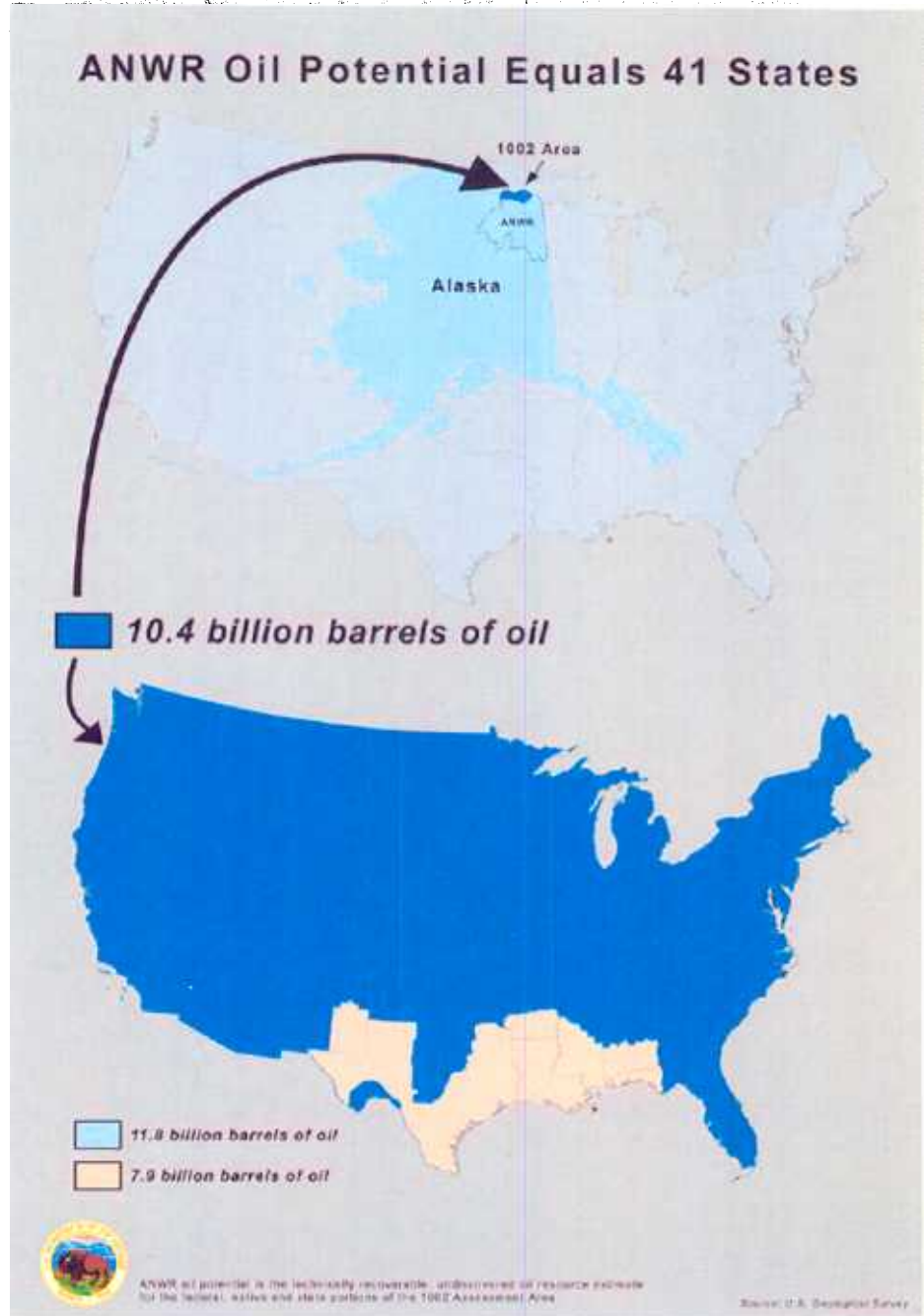
As you know, Congress will soon get another chance to say, "Yes!" to supplying American energy to Americans.

The vote on ANWR will separate those of us who want growth and opportunity for our people from the ones who say, "No, thanks. We'll have to learn how to make do with less."

At issue is the sliver of land known as the 1002 area, named after the section of the 1980 act which set it aside for exploration.

Energy exploration will be limited to just 2,000 acres, and it will take place under the most stringent environmental protection requirements ever applied to a federal energy project, using the most sophisticated 21st Century technology available.

Think of it this way: If ANWR were a tennis court, the land open for exploration would be the size of a dollar bill.



Opponents will say what they've always said: Animals will die, there's no oil in ANWR, there's not enough oil in ANWR, the oil will go to Japan...the list of objections goes on and on.

In fact, ANWR could be the single largest conventional energy resource in America. The mean estimate of recoverable oil from 2000 acres in ANWR is 10.4 billion barrels. That's more than double the proven reserves of Texas and could increase America's total proven reserves (21 billion barrels) by nearly 50 percent.

At peak production, energy development on ANWR's northern coastal plain could deliver to the lower 48 states an additional 1.5 million barrels of oil per day. That is an amount equal to the daily supply America lost in the Gulf of Mexico due to Hurricane Katrina; it is more than the daily excess supply in today's global market; and it is nearly equal to the amount we import from Saudi Arabia every day.

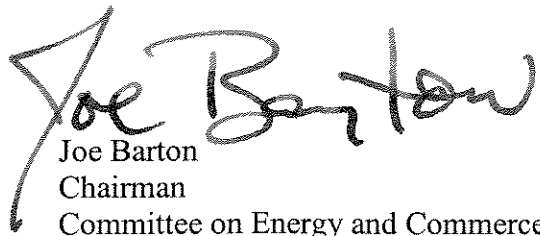
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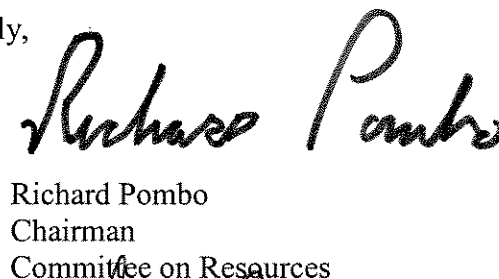
- Experts have estimated that safe energy exploration and production in ANWR could create between 250,000 to 1,000,000 new jobs in America, which is why national labor organizations such as the *International Brotherhood of Teamsters* support this common sense effort.
- A new Congressional Research Service (CRS) report concludes that safe energy exploration and production on ANWR's northern coastal plain could raise \$111 to \$173 billion in federal royalties and tax revenues.
- H.R. 5429 includes an export ban. All oil and natural gas produced on ANWR's northern Coastal Plain will stay in America.
- It's safe for animals, tundra and snow. Energy exploration and production have continued for the last three decades in Prudhoe Bay, just 80 miles west of ANWR, on Alaska's northern coastal plain, with none of the dreaded impact predicted so passionately by opponents.
- The only inhabitants of ANWR's northern coastal plain – the Inupiat Eskimos – support environmentally safe exploration and production because it will provide their people with good jobs, and funds for water and sewer systems, health care and schools.

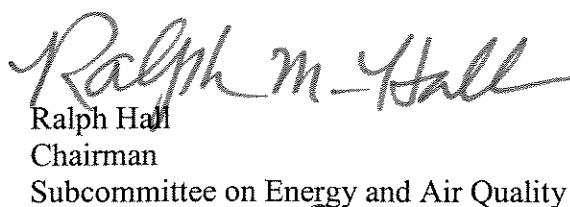
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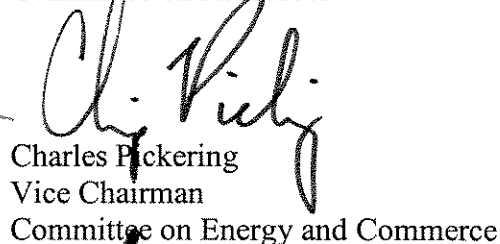
Now, we all understand that ANWR is the last stand for those who want us to huddle together in the cold and dark, waiting for rescue because we've run out of both resources and ideas. They've been saying no and voting no for nearly 30 years. We hope that you will consider the facts and join us in voting yes.

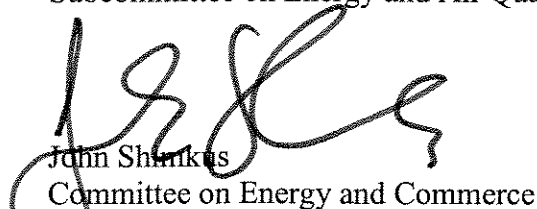
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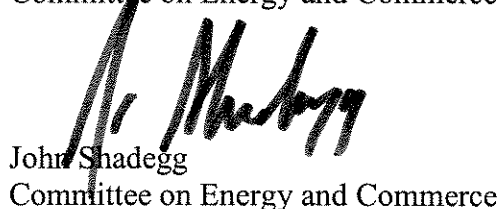

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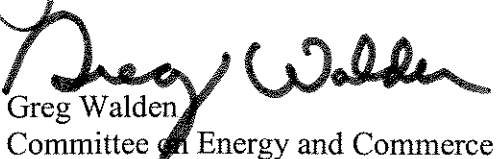

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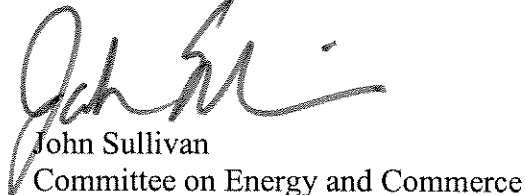

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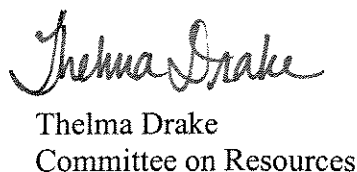

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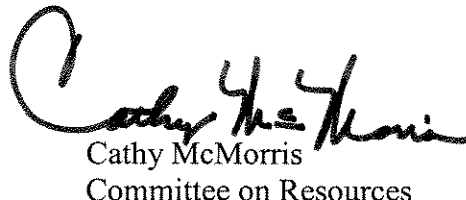

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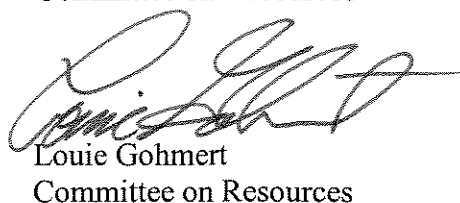

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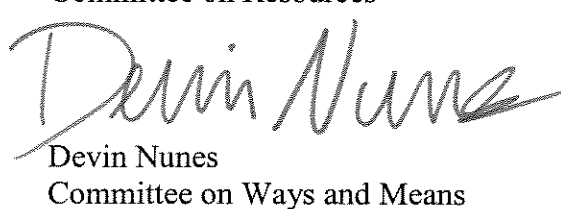

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